## BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE

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January 14, 2009

## **VIA E-FILING**

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. REGARDING ITS NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT FOR AN ENERGY CONVERSION FACILITY; EL08-034.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Basin Electric Power Cooperative wishes to waive the requirement of the designation of the affected area and a local review committee within thirty days after the filing of a Notification of Intent in order to accodomate the regularly scheduled Commission meeting on January 27, 2009.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Casey Jacobson

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Attorney, Basin Electric Power Cooperative